

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian steel exporters would hit by the provisional safeguard measures which came into effect in the 15-nation European Union in the month of March 2002.
- (b) if so, the measures EU has taken in this regard;
- (c) the time by which the provisional measures would continue to operate;
- (d) whether India's steel exports to the EU is about 3,00,806 tons during 2001;
- (e) if so, the total exports to EU during 1999 and 2000; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) India has been granted developing country exemption from European Union safeguard action for all products except Stainless Steel Wires and Electrical Sheets (non-grain oriented).

(b)&(c): European Union has imposed provisional safeguard measures in the form of tariff quotas. Imports in excess of these quotas will attract additional duties. The tariff quotas are based on the average of the annual level of imports in the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 plus 10% thereof. These measures will be in operation for six months.

(d)&(e): The India's steel exports to EU during the calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001 (January to September 2001) is given below:

Year	Quantity (in thousand tons)
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1999	613
2000	614
2001 (Jan- Sept.2001)	306

(f) The Government has become an interested party in the safeguard investigations. The first submission in this regard has been made on behalf of Government of India to the European Commission on 8th May 2002.